

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

About the Institution

- Rockhurst's 35-acre main campus is located at 53rd and Troost Avenue, southeast of the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. The university and affiliated high school were founded in 1910; college classes began in 1917. Rockhurst University is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Trustees. As one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, Rockhurst is part of the largest network of independent higher education institutions in the nation.

Source: Rockhurst University (<http://www.rockhurst.edu>)

- Enrollment*** **2,862** (2,074 undergraduates)

White	62.1%
African American	4.3%
American Indian	0.6%
Asian	1.5%
Hispanic	3.0%
Other	28.6%
Missouri residents	68% (undergraduates)
Male	45.8%
Female	54.2%

*Fall 1998 Headcount

Source: Missouri Department of Higher Education (<http://www.mocbhe.gov/acadafrs/stats>)

Tables 8.1, 8.2, 21.1 & 21.2

- Entrance Requirements**

To be considered for admission to Rockhurst, a prospective student needs to provide the university with a completed application; ACT or SAT results; a recommendation completed by the student's counselor; and an up-to-date transcript, including high school class rank.

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

- Average ACT Score¹ 1993 Freshmen Class*** **23.4**

*Fall 1993 Degree-seeking, ACT-Tested First-time Freshman, 1993-1994 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education, Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Tables 1.1 & 1.2)

- Tuition & Fees for Typical Full-time Undergraduate Student*** **\$12,240**

*1997-98 academic year

Source: Missouri Department of Higher Education (<http://www.mocbhe.gov/acadafrs/stats>)

About the Education Program

- The Department of Education resides in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The department structure administers the affairs of the department; the division structure fosters communication among departments with similar interests. The chair of the Department of Education reports to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences reports to the president of the university.

Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

- Enrollment in Undergraduate Professional Education Programs* 78

White	64.10%
African American	10.25%
American Indian	0%
Asian	0%
Hispanic	7.69%
Other	17.94%
Missouri residents	77.6%
Male	12%
Female	86%

*Fall 1998 Headcount (full-time students)

Source: Rockhurst University, April 1999

- Education Program Entrance Requirements

Students should apply to the Department during the semester their major is declared; that is, the semester they complete 56 hours. Admission to the Teacher Education Program requires a minimum grade-point average of 2.5; a minimum cumulative ACT score of 20 or 21 on the enhanced ACT; approval of the Teacher Education Committee; successful completion of the C-BASE; and an "Affidavit of Moral Character" form. Students must also have a C or better in all education courses; students in secondary education must have a C or better in all courses in their area of certification. Missouri certification requires a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students who have not had prior course work in the Rockhurst Education Department must submit a formal letter of application to the Teacher Education Committee and participate in a formal interview with a full-time faculty member.

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

- Information about Education Program Completers²

Recommended for initial Missouri certification in 1997

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Age	
Under 25	78.26%
25-34	13.04%
35-44	0%
45-54	8.70%
55 and over	0%

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Average ACT score³ (for initial Missouri certification in 1997)

22.5

Source: ACT Inc. Research Services (scores since 1989 only)

C-BASE scores⁴

Passed all five subjects *first time*

Test	Passed all	English			Writing			Math			Science			Social St.		
19	12	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
		302	385	350	308	380	339	291	446	338	252	429	346	257	465	378

Passed all five subjects, *one or more attempts* through December 1997

Test	Passed all	English (314)*			Writing (318)*			Math (319)*			Science (308)*			Social St. (309)*		
19	19	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
		258	389	338	239	380	329	235	446	325	236	429	293	257	465	369

*state median score

Source: Assessment Resource Center

Employed in Missouri public schools⁵ in 1997-98* 9 (38%)

Missouri public school districts employing Rockhurst University
1997 program completers 7

Major employers of Rockhurst University 1997 program completers

Hickman Mills C-1	2
Kansas City 33	2

**Does not include individuals employed in public schools in another state, employed in private schools in Missouri or another state, or who received their teaching credentials but were employed in another field or unemployed*
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

RESOURCES

Institution

- Full-time Faculty at Rockhurst 108

Source: 1997-1998 Statistical of Summary of Missouri Higher Education; Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Tables 36.1 & 36.2)

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- Full-time Education Program Faculty 4

White	not yet available
African American	not yet available
American Indian	not yet available
Asian	not yet available
Hispanic	not yet available
Other	not yet available

Male	1
Female	3

Doctorate Degree	4
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Missouri Teaching Certificate	not yet available
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National Board Certification	0
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- Adjunct Education Program Faculty 6

Full-time with the institution, part-time in education	1
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Part-time in education	5
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Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

EDUCATION PROCESSES

Institution

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio 14:1
- Average Class Size 17

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

Education Program

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio *not yet available*
- Average Class Size *not yet available*
- Practical Experience Requirements for Education Majors
ED 131 and ED 132 require students to observe in classrooms and/or participate in volunteer activities in the schools. ED 132 requires students to observe in schools for 2 to 3 hours per week. Every semester of their pre-teaching career, students are required to teach and/or observe real students in real situations. During the first five weeks of the "Professional Semester," which is the final semester before graduation, students' courses are designed to pull together previous education courses and to further develop the skills and knowledge necessary for successful careers as classroom teachers. During this time, students observe the classroom in which they will do their student teaching. In the middle of the semester, students work full-time at their placement sites where they gradually take on the full role and responsibilities of a classroom teacher. At the end of this experience, students return to the classroom and reflect upon what has been learned.
Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999
- Developmental School
The relationship with a neighborhood school, St. Francis Xavier School, not only allows constant interaction with students on-site, it also enables SFX students to come to Rockhurst to participate in special projects such as the lab teaching activities conducted by Rockhurst's student teachers.
Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999
- Co-curricular Programs *not yet available*

PERFORMANCE

- Missouri certificates* issued in 1997 to Rockhurst education program completers, by subject area and grade level

Subject Area	Grade Level	Recommended for Certification
Biology	7-12	3
Chemistry	7-12	2
Elementary Education	1-8	10
English	7-12	4
Mathematics	7-12	1
Social Studies	7-12	4
Spanish	7-12	1
Total		25

*Number of certificates issued, not number of graduates

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Certification Section

- Performance of Program Completers on National Teachers Exam*

Test Window 10-1-96 to 9-30-97	Qualifying Score	Total Group	Mean	Number Passing	Pass Rate
Subject Area					
Biology	480	2	620	2	100.0%
Chemistry	440	2	565	2	100.0%
Education in the Elementary School	520	13	635	13	100.0%
English Language and Literature	500	3	483	2	66.7%
French	500	1	660	1	100.0%
Mathematics	550	1	650	1	100.0%

Professional Knowledge	638	6	653	4	66.7%
Social Studies	500	4	575	4	100.0%
Spanish	490	1	620	1	100.0%
Total		33		30	90.9%

*Represents number of individuals who took the NTE during the test window but may not include all those recommended for certification

Source: Educational Testing Service

- Follow-up on Rockhurst Program Completers

Education program completers who received initial Missouri certification in 1992

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Employed in Missouri public schools in

1993-94	6 (35%)
1994-95	4 (24%)
1995-96	1 (6%)
1996-97	2 (12%)
1997-98	2 (12%)

Employed in Missouri public schools in 1997-98, with master's degree

1 (6%)

Employed in the same Missouri public school district in

1993-94	6 (35%)
1993-95	4 (24%)
1993-96	0 (0%)
1993-97	0 (0%)
1993-98	0 (0%)

Certification Status as of Sept. 1, 1998

Holding Valid PC I	1 (6%)
Holding Valid PC II	10 (59%)
Lapsed ⁶	6 (35%)

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Major Employers⁷

Missouri school districts employing Rockhurst graduates* **33**

Rockhurst University had 90 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1997-98 school year.

Kansas City 33 employed 31% (28) of the 90 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1997-98 school year.

*Includes all graduates of Rockhurst employed in the district, not just those who completed the education program
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education